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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Aging - Innovations in Aging Services Program**

3 FOR the purpose of creating an Innovations in Aging Services Program in the
4 Department of Aging; providing for the purposes of the Program; defining
5 certain terms; creating the Innovations in Aging Services Advisory Council in
6 the Department and providing for the appointment, organization, and terms of
7 its members; requiring the Secretary of the Department of Aging to develop a
8 plan for funding grants under the Program; authorizing the Secretary to accept
9 moneys provided by certain sources to fund grants awarded; providing for the
10 evaluation of grants funded under the Program; requiring that the Secretary
11 adopt regulations; requiring that the Secretary appoint initial members to the
12 Advisory Council by a certain date; and generally relating to the Innovations in
13 Aging Services Program and the Innovations in Aging Services Advisory
14 Council.

15 BY adding to
16 Article 70B - Department of Aging
17 Section 36
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

20 Preamble

21 WHEREAS, The aging of Maryland's population will present policymakers with
22 a number of challenges over the next 20 years; and

23 WHEREAS, There is a need to design and test innovative ideas in programs and
24 services for older Marylanders, to publicly disseminate the results of the tests, to
25 replicate such programs and services, and to help meet the needs for trained
26 personnel delivering services for Maryland's elderly; now, therefore,

27 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
28 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 70B - Department of Aging

2 36.

3 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
4 INDICATED.

5 (2) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE INNOVATIONS IN AGING SERVICES ADVISORY
6 COUNCIL ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.

7 (3) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE INNOVATIONS IN AGING SERVICES
8 PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.

9 (B) THERE IS AN INNOVATIONS IN AGING SERVICES PROGRAM IN THE
10 DEPARTMENT.

11 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE COMPETITIVE FUNDING
12 GRANTS TO DESIGN AND TEST INNOVATIVE IDEAS IN PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR
13 OLDER INDIVIDUALS, PUBLICLY DISSEMINATE THE RESULTS OF THE TESTS, AND
14 HELP MEET THE NEED FOR TRAINED PERSONNEL PROVIDING SERVICES FOR
15 MARYLAND'S SENIOR POPULATION.

16 (D) (1) THERE IS AN INNOVATIONS IN AGING SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL
17 IN THE DEPARTMENT.

18 (2) THE COUNCIL IS A 14-MEMBER COUNCIL.

19 (3) IN ADDITION TO THE SECRETARY, THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL
20 INCLUDE:

21 (I) NINE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY AS FOLLOWS:

22 1. FIVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM ORGANIZATIONS
23 PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY;

24 2. TWO MEMBERS REPRESENTING SENIOR CONSUMERS OF
25 AGING SERVICES;

26 3. AN AREA AGENCY ON AGING DIRECTOR; AND

27 4. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND.

28 (II) THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MARYLAND COMMISSION ON AGING OR
29 THE CHAIRMAN'S DESIGNEE;

30 (III) THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
31 MENTAL HYGIENE OR HIS DESIGNEE;

32 (IV) ONE MEMBER OF THE STATE SENATE APPOINTED BY THE
33 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; AND

1 (V) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES APPOINTED BY
2 THE SPEAKER.

3 (4) THE SECRETARY SHALL SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL.

4 (5) THE TERM OF A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL IS 4 YEARS.

5 (6) THE TERMS OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE
6 SECRETARY ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS IN EFFECT FOR MEMBERS
7 OF THE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 1, 2001.

8 (7) AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A
9 SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

10 (8) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM BEGINS SERVES ONLY
11 FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND
12 QUALIFIES.

13 (E) (1) WITH THE ADVICE OF THE COUNCIL, THE SECRETARY SHALL
14 DEVELOP AN INNOVATIONS IN AGING SERVICES PROGRAM PLAN ANNUALLY AND
15 SUBMIT IT TO THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR APPROVAL AS PART OF
16 THE ANNUAL BUDGET.

17 (2) THE PLAN SHALL SET FORTH A SERIES OF PRIORITIES FOR FUNDING
18 GRANTS FOR INNOVATIVE AGING SERVICES AND FOR TRAINING PERSONNEL
19 PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY IN THE STATE.

20 (3) THE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR EVALUATING ANY
21 PROGRAM FUNDED UNDER THE PLAN.

22 (F) THE SECRETARY SHALL SOLICIT GRANT PROPOSALS TO IMPLEMENT THE
23 PROGRAM PRIORITIES APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

24 (G) WITH THE ADVICE OF THE COUNCIL, THE SECRETARY SHALL APPROVE
25 THE AWARD OF GRANTS FUNDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROGRAM PRIORITIES
26 APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

27 (H) THE SECRETARY SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE EVALUATION OF PROGRAMS
28 FUNDED BY THE GRANTS BY RECOGNIZED AUTHORITIES IN THE FIELD OF AGING
29 SERVICES.

30 (I) THE SECRETARY MAY ACCEPT MONEYS PROVIDED BY OTHER PUBLIC AND
31 PRIVATE SOURCES TO FUND GRANTS AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION.

32 (J) THE SECRETARY SHALL REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE GOVERNOR AND,
33 SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL
34 ASSEMBLY ON THE EVALUATIONS OF PROGRAMS FUNDED UNDER THIS SECTION.

35 (K) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING THIS
36 SECTION.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before November 1,
2 2001, the Secretary of Aging shall appoint the initial members of the Innovations in
3 Aging Services Advisory Council created under this Act who are to be appointed by
4 the Secretary.

5 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the members
6 of the Innovations in Aging Services Advisory Council who are appointed by the
7 Secretary on or before November 1, 2001, shall end as follows:

8 (1) two on September 30, 2002;

9 (2) two on September 30, 2003;

10 (3) two on September 30, 2004; and

11 (4) three on September 30, 2005.

12 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2001.